film starts. The searches conducted resulted in seizure of assets worth Rs. 199.06 lac.

(c) Necessary action as per Direct Tax Laws has been taken in the matter.

References received by RBI from BIFR

1704. SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) references recieved by Industrial Reconstruction Bank of India till 31st March, 1996 from BIFR, constituted under the provision of SICA;

(b) number of cases where BIFR appointed India as Operating Agency till 23rd January, 1997; and

(c) whether IRBI under the name IIBI would continue to act as operating agency in the above cases for preparation of rehabilitation packages; if not, the alternative agency to carry out the same.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M.P VEERENDRA KUMAR): (a) Industrial reconstruction Bank of India (IRBI) has reported that it has received 1241 references from the Board for Industrial and Financial Reconstruction (BIFR) under the provisions of Sick Industrial Companies (Special Provisions) Act, 1985 (SICA) till 31.03.1996.

(b) IRBI was appointed operating agency by the BIFR in 327 cases till 23.04.1997.

(c) Yes, Sir.

Loans to the Farmers of Punjab

1705. SHRI IQBAL SINGH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the total amount of loans granted to the farmers for agricultural purpose in the country particularly in the state of Punjab during the last three years, distrist-wise; and

(b) the details of the total amount of loans granted out of it to the persens belonging to the Secheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes, Backward Classes and other weaker sections of the society in the state of Punjab?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M. P. VEERENDRA KUMAR): (a) As reported by Reserve Bank of India (RBI), the total amount of loans granted by commercial banks udner Agriculture Credit Plans (ACP) for agriculture and allied activities during the last three years was as follows:

(Ks. in crores)

1993-94	14121.79
1994-95	16884.74
1995-96	18835.99

The diitrict-wjse data for the state of Punjab, as reported by RBI, is given below:

(Rs. in crores)

District	1993-94	1994-95	1995-96
1	2	3	4
Amritsar	22.31	27.90	33.78
Bathinda	21.29	30.62	40.00
Fategarh Sahib	11.86	14.29	17.22
Faridkot	51.60	71.19	74.46
Ferozepur	30.11	28.92	45.72
. Gurdaspur	14.14	15.76	18.43
Hoshiarpur	19.24	20.01	31.63
Jalandhar	39.72	41.51	62.50